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SUBJECT: ELECTION-YEAR VISITORS TO U.S.

1. MANY MPS AND ACTIVE MEMBERS ALL POLITICAL PARTIES ARE ASKING ABOUT POSSIBILITIES OF VISITING THE UNITED STATES DURING COMING YEAR TO OBSERVE PRIMARIES, POLITICAL CONVENTIONS AND ELECTION ITSELF FOR PERSONAL INSIGHT INTO OPERATION AMERICAN POLITICS. WE EXPECT SIMILAR QUERIES FROM POLITICIANS, JOURNALISTS, ACADEMICS AND OTHER INTERESTED PROFESSIONALS.

2. THESE INQUIRIES HAVE FOCUSED ON A VARIETY OF PROPOSALS TO DATE. SOME REQUEST U.S. GOVERNMENT OR OTHER ASSISTANCE IN FINANCING VISITS, WHILE OTHERS APPEAR INTERESTED PRIMARILY IN FACILITATION, IN TERMS OF CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS, HOME HOSPITALITY, INEXPENSIVE ACCOMMODATIONS, PRESS CREDENTIALS, ADMISSION PASSES AND THE LIKE.

3. AT THIS POINT, WE WISH MERELY TO ALERT CONCERNED WASHINGTON ELEMENTS THAT WE EXPECT THESE REQUESTS TO PROLIFERATE.

4. IN CASES OF MPS, OTHER PRIORITY VISITORS, WE WILL
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REQUEST FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE TELEGRAPHICALLY.

5. WE EXPECT, HOWEVER, TO RECEIVE MANY WORTHWHILE REQUESTS WHICH DO NOT MERIT DIRECT U.S. GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ARMED WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM THOSE INQUIRING CAN WRITE FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. THESE MIGHT INCLUDE OFFICES IN NATIONAL COMMITTEES OF BOTH PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION, YOUTH AFFAIRS, UNIVERSITY STUDENT GROUPS, WOMEN AND JOURNALIST GROUPS. NAMES OF APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS DEALING WITH "PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE" RELATIONSHIPS, COMMUNITY FOREIGN AFFAIRS GROUPS IN CONVENTION CITIES, WOULD BE USEFUL TOO.

6. SINCE SOME VISITORS WILL HAVE SOME UTILITY FOR LECTURE CIRCUIT, DEPARTMENT MIGHT ALSO PROVIDE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN USING VISITORS FOR SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND CONFERENCES.

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